



IPW/EA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Tsutomu SAKATA

Group Art Unit : 2831

Appl. No. : 10/721,356

Examiner : Anton B. HARRIS

Filed : November 26, 2003

Confirmation No. : 6150

For : GROMMET FOR A WIRE HARNESS

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
220 20th Street S.
Customer Window, Mail Stop _____
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on April 15, 2004 and February 24, 2004, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a European Search Report that was mailed on October 20, 2004, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 03292954.9, in which the following documents were cited:

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 190 914. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-171645, which was cited previously in an Information Disclosure Statement;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 822 121;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-212858, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 888 931. Applicant notes that this document is a patent family member of U.S. Patent No. 6,058,562, which was cited previously in an Information Disclosure Statement; and

French Patent Application Publication No. FR 2 826 091.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that a Notice of Allowance has issued in the present application, and thus a check in the amount of \$180.00 is attached hereto and Applicant also certifies that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tsutomu SAKATA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. Bernstein", followed by the text "Reg. No. 48,214".

Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

December 8, 2004
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1950 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191

[illegible]